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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
**MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**  
MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND

JEFF BARNES  
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES**

Lansing Central MVTF Office  
Lansing, Michigan

April 14, 2015  
11:24 a.m.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairman John E. James, excused  
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, present  
Trustee Jason Biber, excused  
Trustee Robert Williams, present  
Trustee Barry Wood, excused  
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present  
Trustee Brandi McBride, present

Lindell Holm, *Director*  
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*  
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech*  
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Vice Chairman Charles Kosal called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m.

**Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance**

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

**Introduction of Guests**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Williams/Wilson) to approve the Public Minutes, of March 3, 2015, passed and carried.

## **Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration**

**There was one personal hearing conducted at the April 14, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 44 appeals and reviews were considered.**

**Case A-1 (Kalamazoo County)**

PARTIAL (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your request for a new furnace (\$3,920.00). The request for air conditioning (\$2,835.00) was denied because the Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

**Case A-2 (Wayne County)**

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for car repairs (\$2,872.56). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities and the situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-3 (Oakland County)**

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$733.32; for heating gas (\$243.60) and kitchen sink (\$489.72). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities and the situation requires a more long term solution than the Board of Trustees is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-4 (Cass County)**

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof (\$8,328.09). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). The financial statement also reveals a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income.

**Case A-5 (Clinton County)**

UNTIMELY

**Case RR-6 (Grand Traverse County)**

WITHDRAWN

**Case RH-7 (Monroe County)**

DENIED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$2,619.34; for lot rent (\$649.47) and mortgage (\$1,969.87). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

**Case RH-8 (Jackson County)**

WITHDRAWN

**Case RH-9 (Kent County)**

APPROVED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application authorizing no more than \$6,772.46 for mortgage contingent upon denial from Michigan Veterans Homeowners Assistance Program.

**Case A-10 (Monroe County)**

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for upper dentures (\$1,200.00). A grant is not approved to cover the cost of the requested dental procedure because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated. Also, a close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income.

**Case RH-11 (Kent County)**

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance regarding a bathroom model debt (\$8,881.31). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case RR-12 (Osceola County)**

DENIED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for furnace repair (\$500.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RO-13 (Ingham County)**

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle payments (\$2,928.26). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case A-14 (Oakland County)**

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,998.18; for Consumers (\$1,019.84), DTE (\$279.00), auto insurance (\$460.52) and materials for home repairs (\$238.82). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities and the situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-15 (Kent County)**

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto repairs (\$1,883.31). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also disclosed that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-16 (Oakland County)**

DENIED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,000.00; for rent (\$1,600.00) and water/sewer (\$400.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-17 (Oakland County)**

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$1,428.63; for electric (\$114.83), heating gas (\$146.51), mortgage (\$1,049.73) and water (\$117.56). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also revealed that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RH-18 (Saginaw County)**

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for heat and electric (\$4,110.72). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also revealed that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-19 (Huron County)**

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for dental work (\$9,800.00). A grant is not approved to cover the cost of the requested dental procedure because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated. A close review of the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution that the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-20 (Houghton County)**

DENIED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new boiler (\$4,550.00). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case RH-21 (Lapeer County)**

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$4,454.58; for rent (\$3,920.45) and heating gas (\$534.13). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case A-22 (Houghton County)**

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 2012 property tax (\$8,658.42). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RR-23 (Clinton County)**

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for propane (\$662.76). Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RR-24 (Cass County)**

WITHDRAWN

**Case A-25 (Wayne County)**

DENIED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$1,217.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RR-26 (Grand Traverse County)**

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for electric (\$1,966.44). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would not enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RR-27 (Lake County)**

DENIED (Wilson/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$7,081.00; for Federal income taxes (\$5,765.00) and State income taxes (\$1,306.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RR-28** (Grand Traverse County)

DENIED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$1,425.91; for electric (\$1,033.04) and propane (\$392.87). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RH-29** (Grand Traverse County)

Resolve by MiVHAP

**Case A-30** (Lapeer County)

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new furnace (\$3,103.40). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-31** (Oakland County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$2,000.00; for auto insurance (\$1,000.00) and auto payments (\$1,000.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RH-32** (Luce County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$5,176.47; for property taxes 2012 (\$2,018.01), 2013 (\$1,824.61) and 2014 (\$1,333.85). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RH-33** (Macomb County)

APPROVED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application authorizing no more than \$6,446.43 for mortgage payments.

**Case RH-34** (Clinton County)

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$12,500.00; for a furnace (\$3,500.00) and a new roof (\$9,000.00). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case RR-35** (Lapeer County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for DTE electric (\$180.97). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RH-36** (Ingham County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for rent (\$4,410.00). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

**Case RH-37** (Genesee County)

DENIED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for delinquent property tax loan (\$2,418.33). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RH-38** (Genesee County)

APPROVED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application authorizing no more than \$3,344.00 for rent.

**Case RH-39** (Genesee County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for mortgage (\$2,889.18). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RO-40** (Genesee County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for heat and electric (\$5,909.51). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RO-41** (Genesee County)

DENIED (Kosal/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for auto repairs (\$6,597.52). A close review of the applicants disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RO-42** (Lapeer County)

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$2,961.02; for vehicle repairs (\$2,069.00), water heater (\$639.00) and electric (\$253.02). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income. The financial statement also reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case RR-43** (Sanilac County)

APPROVED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application authorizing no more than \$2,894.92; for utilities (\$944.92) and water line repair (\$1,950.00).

**Case RH-44** (Sanilac County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new furnace (\$5,625.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was **5/44** for **\$23,377.81**. Approved **1/16** Appeals for **(\$3,920.00)**, **3/15** Review/Housing for **(\$16,562.89)**, **0/0** Review/Medical for **(\$0.00)**, **0/0** Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, **1/9** Review/Repetitive for **(\$2,894.92)** and **0/4** Review/Other for **(\$0.00)**.

**Accounting Report**

Trustees discussed the monthly reports received from Treasury.

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**County & District Committees--Committee Appointments**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Board Policy #106 was discussed with the recommended changes.

A MOTION (Williams/McBride) to accept the new language for BTP #106, passed and carried

**MVTF Board Activities**

Board Trustees discussed the letter to be sent to Treasury asking for some options regarding the investments.

Trustees discussed different locations that the board meeting could be held. Director Holm is researching those locations.

Trustees were informed that Trustee Biber has resigned from the Board of Trustees.

**MVTF Staff Activities**

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees regarding the training that was conducted on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> for the Community Health pilot project.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he met with the House Appropriations Committee and briefed them on the proposed regional model and reorganization.

Discussed ongoing problems in counties failing to adhere to Board policies. Recommend additional training and identify methods to achieve greater oversight.

**Good of the Order**

None

**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:09 pm

*Approved:*

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*John James, Chairman*

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*Date*